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Minister for Education and Training  
Leader of the Legislative Council**

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PERTH CORONER'S COURT

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Dear Ms Wright

Thank you for your correspondence dated 12 February 2019 regarding the inquest into the death of Mr Torran Jake Thomas. I would like to extend my deepest condolences to the Thomas family for the loss of their son in such tragic circumstances.

I thank you for forwarding a copy of the record of investigation and provide the following advice on the actions proposed to be undertaken as a result of the Coroner's Findings.

As responsibility for the national training package development process rests with the Australian Government, I have requested the Department of Training and Workforce Development (DTWD) forward the State Coroner's recommendation to the Australian Industry and Skills Committee and the Australian Government's Department of Education and Training.

I have been informed that the unit of competency *HLTAID003 Provide First Aid* is scheduled for review in 2019-2020. I have requested DTWD alert the responsible national organisations to the outcomes of the Coroner's Inquest to seek amendments to the unit to reflect the heat stroke advice for sports trainers and coaches as detailed by Professor Ian Rogers.

The Training Accreditation Council (TAC) is responsible for assuring the quality of training services delivered in the vocational education training (VET) sector in Western Australia through the effective regulation of training providers. TAC publishes an Annual Regulatory Strategy which outlines the areas identified as posing the highest risk to the VET sector. Training products linked to the health and community services sector are included in this Strategy and TAC will continue to monitor compliance in particular training products including first aid.

To support the recommendation outlined in the Coroner's report, I have requested TAC issue a Bulletin to all TAC registered training organisations, seeking Western Australian training providers reflect the heat stroke advice for sports trainers and coaches as detailed by Professor Ian Rogers in their training and assessment in the first aid unit.

DTWD will also request the national VET Regulator, the Australian Skills Quality Authority, issue a bulletin to ASQA registered training organisations in line with TAC's response.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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